

VETERINARY SCIENCE

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Editor Deseret Farmer:—I have a mare three years old, nice well built and weighs about 1200 or 1250; good and true in her work, but she will be alright apparently when we quit work, and in ten minutes after unlatching she will bloat like a foundered cow and again she will bloat while in the harness,—in fact I do not know when to expect it. When in this condition she will lie down stretched out and moves very little, but seems to be in the most misery when moving.

Please answer through your paper the cause and treatment for the same.
J. E. CLOWARD.

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Answer by H. J. Frederick, A. C. U.

Acute Intestinal Indigestion in the Horse. (Intestinal Tympany.)

The case you describe seems to be a case of indigestion. This is very often caused from the food the animal is allowed to eat. Sometimes by the lack of sufficient water causing a stoppage of the intestinal tract. The blood vessels may become stopped and in this way paralysis of a part of the intestine may take place, leading to the symptoms you describe. It may also be caused by watering after a large feed of grain or roughage then put to excessive work. Fermentation taking place in the stomach and intestines causing a collection of gas which would manifest itself by prodding and colicky pains. You should feed such animals laxative foods, avoid new grain and hay that is must or spoiled and not water immediately after taking in a large feed of this kind. If the animal continues to show these symptoms under this treatment you may use oil of turpentine, two ounces, oil of peppermint, one-half ounce, in a pint of raw linseed oil, give as a drench at one dose. This will have a tendency to stop the formation of gas and overcome the condition. If this should fail administer two ounces of chloral hydrate in solution in water at one dose. Give the animal rest and I believe the condition will subside en-

tirely. It would also be well during these attacks to use a enema of soap suds. Force as high up into the rectum as possible after raking out same. This usually relieves in most instances.

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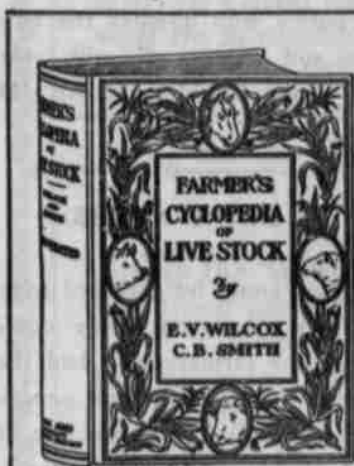
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